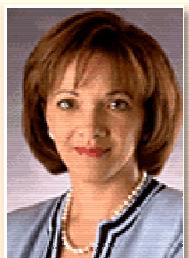


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**Lurita Doan takes oath of office**

Virginia businesswoman Mrs. Lurita Doan took the ceremonial oath of office before a crowd of agency employees, family and friends to become the 18th Administrator of General Services. Mrs. Doan is the first woman to serve as GSA's chief executive.

"I am honored that President Bush asked me to take on such a critical role in his Administration," said Mrs. Doan after the ceremony. "I share his vision to make GSA now and for the future, the premier source for cost-effective, timely and compliant property management and government procurement. GSA must do a better job of proving this and enable government agencies to refocus scarce

management and contracting resources on their core issues."

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**GSA leadership team positions announced**

**John Phelps** has been appointed as **Chief of Staff** and will join the agency on July 3. He most recently served as Chief Operating Officer of the Arizona Red Cross, where he was responsible for operations of the sixth-largest American Red Cross chapter in the United States. Previously, Mr. Phelps was the Deputy Director of the Arizona Office of Homeland Security. "He has extensive expertise in organizing and managing large efforts and combines that with superior negotiating skills. In addition, he brings to the position a solid background in emergency management and disaster recovery", said GSA Administrator Lurita Doan.

**Kevin Messner** will serve as **Associate Administrator for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs (OCIA)**. Mr. Messner will join GSA's leadership team on June 26. He served as Chief of Staff for Congressman Jim Kolbe (R-AZ). His experience working on Capitol Hill also includes serving as Chief of Staff for Congressman Rick Renzi (R-AZ) and as a Legislative Director for Congressman Kolbe on appropriation and immigration issues. "Kevin's Hill experience will be invaluable to GSA," Administrator Doan said. "He has the knowledge and experience needed to represent the agency on the Hill and to be responsive to Congressional requests and concerns. In addition, his leadership and management experience will be assets to GSA."

**Susan Peppler** has been named as **Senior Advisor for the OCIA**. She will coordinate and manage GSA's relationship with other federal, state and local agencies. Additionally, she will advise the Administrator and Deputy Administrator on intra-agency relationships, policies and strategies. Most recently, Mrs. Peppler served as mayor of the City of Redlands, California. "Susan's experience in the public and private sectors working with various and diverse constituencies to affect policies provides her with a unique breadth of knowledge that is an invaluable asset for the agency," Administrator Doan said. "Her expertise will be essential as GSA works to advance and fortify its relationships within the government, especially with our customer agencies."

**Jim Williams** will become **Commissioner of the Federal Acquisition Service (FAS)**. Mr. Williams currently serves as director of the U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) program at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Prior to his tenure at US-VISIT, he was IRS Deputy Associate Commissioner for Program Management, overseeing modernization application projects and ensuring effective program management. Williams also served as Deputy Assistant Commissioner for procurement and later as Director of Procurement at the IRS.

Mr. Williams also previously served as Director of the Local Telecommunications Procurement Division at GSA, responsible for all nationwide local telecommunications purchases for the agency. "I am delighted to have attracted Jim Williams back to GSA and to have found an outstanding permanent Commissioner of FAS. Jim brings an incredible toolkit of entrepreneurial skills to this critical job," said GSA Administrator Doan. "Jim has extensive experience managing large, high visibility contracts and in building a superior team."

**GSA FY 06 cut-off dates — see Page 2 for details.**

## GSA fiscal year cut-off dates established

Acquisition Letter V-06-05, dated June 2, 2006, established cut-off dates for accepting reimbursable agreements and customer funding. It also established periodic review requirements of actions taken to complete accepted reimbursable agreements. This policy applies to all reimbursable agreements entered into between GSA and federal agencies or non-federal entities as authorized by law for the procurement of goods and services. GSA's policy is to only accept reimbursable agreements that are "bona fide needs" (31 U.S.C. 1502(a)) requirements."

GSA is committed to follow the funding restrictions attached to the requirements of client agencies including more severe funding restrictions. All procurements that have not been executed within 90 days after acceptance of the reimbursable agreement by GSA are subject to a review to determine whether to proceed with the procurement or close the reimbursable agreement and return funding to the customer agency.

For questions regarding the below cut-off dates, contact your regional GSA representative.

### **Fiscal Year Cut-off Dates for the Federal Technology Service (FTS)**

<b>Type of Contract Action</b>	<b>Date Funding, Requirements, and Signed Interagency Agreement Must be Accepted</b>
Incremental Funding Modifications that must be funded and executed by the end of the fiscal year.	<b>August 31, 2006</b>
Option exercise that must be executed by the end of the fiscal year.	<b>August 31, 2006</b>
New delivery orders, contracts or modifications for Supplies, e.g., hardware, software and software licenses.	<b>September 22, 2006</b>
New task orders, contracts or modifications for Services	<b>August 31, 2006</b>
Economy Act Transactions (Note: The contract or order MUST be awarded within the period of availability of the funds.)	<b>August 1, 2006</b>

### **Fiscal Year Cut-off Dates for the Federal Supply Service (FSS)**

<b>Type of Contract Action</b>	<b>Date Funding, Requirements, and Signed Interagency Agreement Must be Accepted</b>
Commercial Products under FSS Schedule	<b>September 29, 2006</b>
All other customer purchases	<b>September 18, 2006</b>
Economy Act Transactions (Note: The contract or order MUST be awarded within the period of availability of the funds.)	<b>August 1, 2006</b>

### **Fiscal Year Cut-off Dates for the Public Buildings Service (PBS)**

<b>Type of Contract Action</b>	<b>Date Funding, Requirements, and Signed Interagency Agreement Must be Accepted</b>
Non-recurring Reimbursable Work Authorizations or other Interagency Agreement	<b>September 22, 2006</b>
Economy Act Transactions	<b>August 1, 2006</b>

## HSPD-12 – Are you ready?

HSPD-12, Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12, issued on August 27, 2004, is the Presidential directive which created policy for a common identification standard for federal employees and contractors. This directive establishes a mandatory, government-wide standard for secure and reliable forms of identification issued by the federal government to its employees and contractors (including contractor employees) to enhance security, increase government efficiency, reduce identity fraud, and protect personal privacy.

As a result of this directive, the Department of Commerce issued Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 201. FIPS 201, Personal Identification Verification (PIV) of Federal Employees and Contractors, provides graduated criteria, from least secure to most secure to ensure flexibility in selecting the appropriate level of security for each application.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) designated the General Services Administration (GSA) as the Executive Agent for government-wide acquisitions on July 5, 2005. GSA will make approved products and services available through blanket purchase agreements under Federal Supply Schedule 70 for Information Technology. GSA will ensure that all approved suppliers provide products and services that meet all applicable federal standards and requirements. All federal agencies are encouraged to use GSA's acquisition services; those agencies "making procurements outside of GSA contract vehicles for approved products and services must certify that the products and services procured meet all applicable federal standards and requirements, ensure operability and conformance to applicable federal standard for the lifecycle of the components, and maintain a written plan for ensuring ongoing conformance to applicable federal standards for the lifecycle of the components."

For additional information, see websites listed below:

- OMB Memorandum 05-24, Implementation of Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 12 – Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors, dated August 5, 2005, available at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/fy2005/m05-24.pdf>
- FIPS 201, Personal Identification Verification (PIV) of Federal Employees and Contractors <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/fips/fips201-1/FIPS-201-1-v5.pdf>
- GSA Memorandum, dated August 5, 2005, Acquisitions of Products and Services for Implementation of HSPD-12 <http://www.cio.gov/eauthentication>.
- Acquisitions Related to Compliance with HSPD-12 and FIPS 201 Requirements <http://www.cio.gov/eauthentication/documents/AcquisitionsHSPD12FIPS201rqmts.pdf>

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## Alliant and Alliant Small Business GWAC Draft RFPs

GSA published draft Requests for Proposals (RFP) for Alliant and Alliant Small Business (SB) information technology (IT), government-wide contracts (GWAC) valued at a maximum \$65 billion over 10 years.

The Alliant GWACs are examples of the increased efficiencies evolving under GSA's new Federal Acquisition Service policies, which will provide better value to taxpayers. "Alliant will increase government efficiency and effectiveness, providing the flexibility to support daily operations, infrastructure protection, anti-terrorism initiatives, development and marketing of emerging technologies," said John Johnson, GSA's Assistant Commissioner for Service Development and Delivery.

The Alliant GWAC, valued at \$50 billion, will be awarded to approximately 25-30 companies, using a full and open competition. Alliant SB, valued at \$15 billion, will include approximately 40-60 awards. Services offered in both Alliant GWACs were identified through market research, technical analysis, and industry/client feedback. The final Alliant/Alliant SB RFPs will be published by October 2006, with contracts awarded by summer 2007.

For more information, visit <http://www.gsa.gov/alliant> or <http://www.gsa.gov/alliantsb>.

## Final Issue of FTS INFORM newsletter

With implementation of the new Federal Acquisition Service, this publication becomes the final issue of the Federal Technology Service's INFORM newsletter.

As the Federal Acquisition Service organization becomes operational, federal customers can depend on GSA employees to continue providing exceptional service and support.

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